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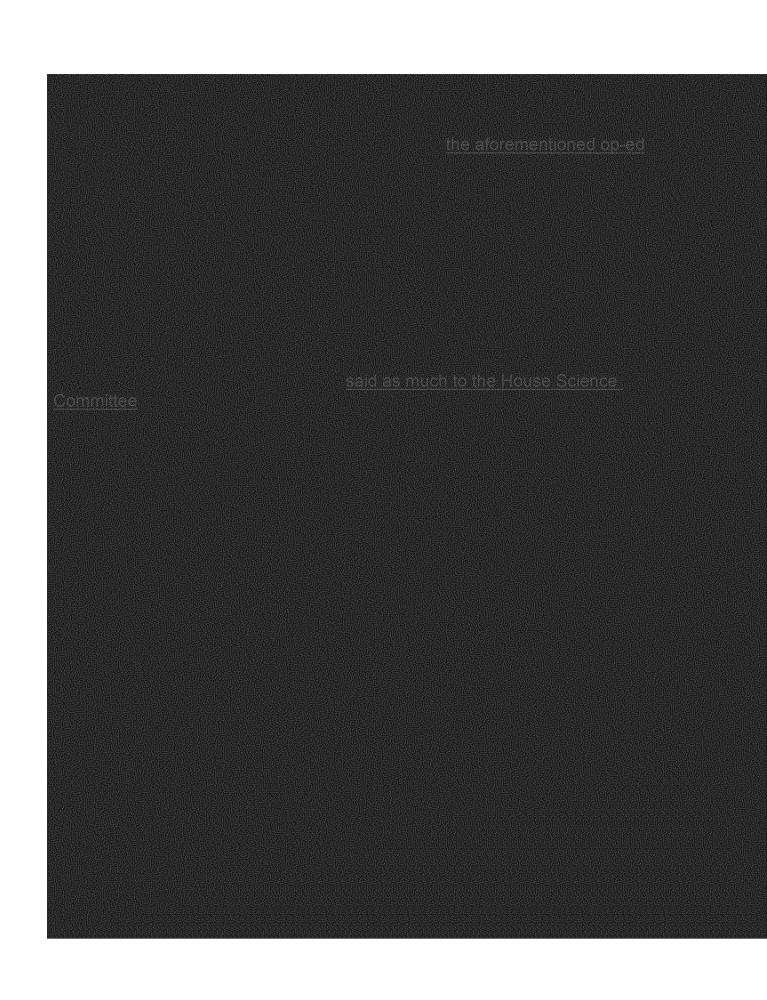
President Trump listens to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt speak after announcing the United States will withdraw from the Paris accord in the Rose Garden of the White House on June 1, 2017. (BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AFP/Getty Images)

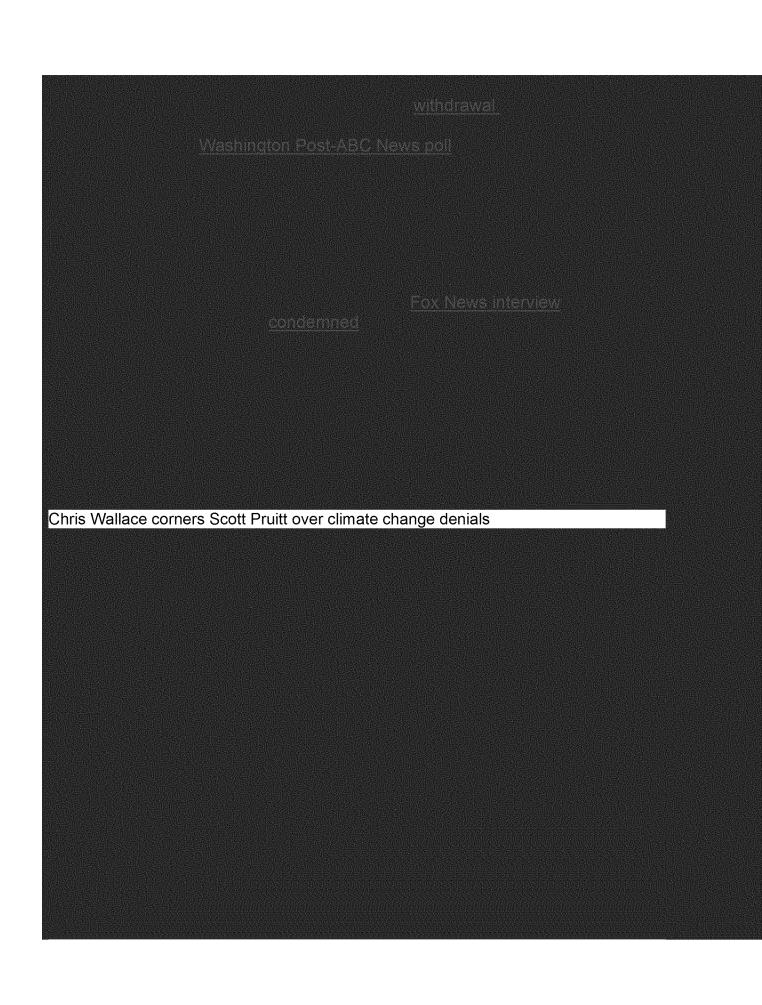
There has been much interest -- among Republicans, it's hopeful; among Democrats, it's fearful -- in how science will be conducted differently at the Environmental Protection Agency under Scott Pruitt. Following President Trump's withdrawal from the Paris climate accord, the EPA head is seeking to explain.

The former Oklahoma attorney general is suddenly appearing on all kinds

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The Paris fallout continues:

President Obama speaks at a convention center in Montreal. (Paul Chaisson/The Canadian Press via

- Former President Obama weighs in again on the Paris decision. Calling Trump's decleadership," he told a group of Canadians in a speech the Paris agreement still has a chaurgency. I'm looking forward to the United States being a leader and not just on the sideling.
- The <u>French ambassador to the United Nations adds his voice to the cacophony dec</u>
 Gearan reports. "America is perceived on this on the wrong side of history. For some, its significant guarantor of the world order, the U.S. is now being considered, again by some, and at the equilibrium."
- Bret Stephen -- the New York Times columnist who wrote that controversial <u>column</u> arguent the consequences of climate change -- isn't happy Pruitt quoted from his work during <u>announcement</u>. During <u>a Q&A</u> with fellow columnist Gail Collins, he said:
 - I was in Arizona, hiking with my son in Red Rock country, when Scott Pruitt, the E.P. dragged me into it. I'm supposed to comment on the news, not be the news, so I tried risk of being the columnist who doth protest too much, let me just say this: My climate was about our mentality. It was about the perils of certitude in all things, not just had no business being in a policy statement of any sort.

 Putting into sharp relief the slow pace at which the White House is filling top administratio seven, or 15 percent, of 46 top science posts in the federal government that require

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Dan Brouillette, deputy secretary of Energy-designate for President Trump, speaks during a Senate En nearing on May 25, 2017. (Andrew Harrer/Bloomberg) Dan Brouillette was cleared to be deputy secretary of the Energy Department with bipartisan s Robert Powelson for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The panel also voted to approve David Bernhardt, Trump's controversial nominee to be deputy pushed Democrats to oppose his nomination because of his rnhardt's former <u>lobbying work</u> at several energy and other extraction companies, such as Statoil and Halliburton. "The list of iss should be enough to recuse him right out of a job," said Diana Best, a senior climate campaigr

Red-state Democrat Sen. Joe Manchin (W.Va.) and Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) were the only 14-9 vote.

"There is nothing wrong with Mr. Bernhardt representing these clients as a lawyer, but giving hinterests as deputy secretary of the Interior raises serious appearance of conflict of interest iss Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), The Hill reported.

Democrats were not pleased:

- Federal judges to Pruitt: Why are you pausing an Obama-era methane rule? The Hill asking the Environmental Protection Agency to explain why it has the authority to pause a The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said Tuesday that it is giving the Monday by environmental groups, who say the agency's action halting the rule was illegated.
- Ryan Zinke sounds off. While speaking to members of the Recreational Vehicle Industry
 Park Service, the Interior secretary laid into some employees at the department he r
 "We're too short on the front line, but boy, we have a lot of bureaucracy," he said. "W
 happens? You start to expose serpents... there are people out there that just don't
 ask the question of what Interior should be in the next 100 years. We have to adapt r
- And Rick Perry reassures Japan that "the U.S. commitment to environment is unchathough the United States recently gave up a commitment in the Paris deal.
- <u>Finally, there's an aqueduct Trump wants to sell you</u>. The Post's Robert McCartney re Washington Aqueduct, stirring fears among some that the White House's passion for privaresidents in the District and Northern Virginia. But the plan, buried in a few short lines in a lead to a different outcome. Some officials in the District want the U.S. Army Corps of English over the facility to D.C. Water, a public utility."

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More details about the results of ExxonMobil's annual shareholder meeting are in. Last a shareholder rebellion against the firm's climate change policy specifically, a majority of shareholder on disclosing the risks greenhouse gas regulation pose to its business.
Now in an Securities and Exchange Commission filing, ExxonMobil said that two members of and Steven Reinemund received less than 80 percent of the vote from shareholders while a vote. While both men kept their seats, good corporate governance groups interpret the vote agovernance committee as a shot across the bow on Exxon's governance policy, which, they say
"ExxonMobil's refusal to allow shareholders to engage directly with its board members is unac ExxonMobil account for the significant risks posed by climate change," Eli Kasargod-Staub, who governance research into ExxonMobil, said

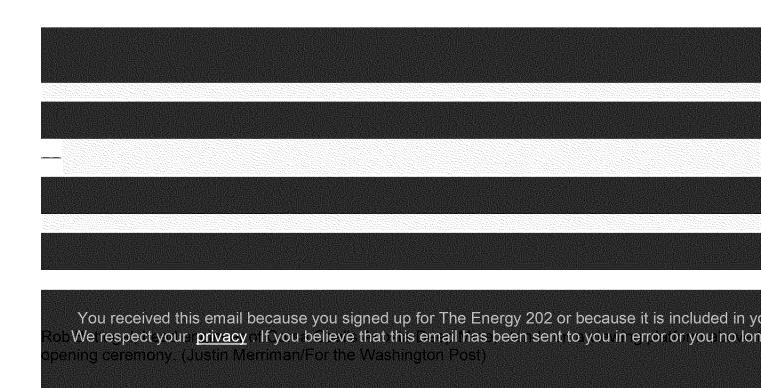
50/50 Climate Project and other groups are frustrated that, for example, shareholders are not

A youth looks at a new, taller fence being built along U.S.-Mexico border. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd, File

At a meeting with Republican leaders, Trump reportedly floated the idea of covering headers. More from Axios's Jonathan Swan: "Trump said his vision was a wall 40 feet to 50 they'd be 'beautiful structures,' [Republicans] said. The President said that most walls you would be nothing like those walls. Trump told the lawmakers they could talk about the his idea. One person cautioned that the President wasn't presenting the solar-paneled wasn't pre

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A group of bipartisan senators are preparing a bill to extend carbon-capture tax credits that would extend tax credits for carbon capture will soon be introduced, a Senate aide said Turetain incentives to invest in the costly technology."
FLASHBACK: A Nevada businessman already proposed this to the Trump administration
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devastate crops in Africa
 Scientists just linked another record-breaking weather event to climate change. Che April heat wave shattered all-time temperature records across Southeast Asia, prompting elephant and making international headlines. Now, scientists believe the event was driver event and human-caused climate change. And they say events like it will only become more



The Post's Todd C. Frankel reports

While that one sentence in Trump's speech might have been just an applause line, a rhetoric circles, it continues to resonate here. Trump was widely criticized for his nod to Pittsburgh be red. Hillary Clinton got 75 percent of the city's vote. But his comment also revealed a deeper flourishing in the new economy and how they got there.

And reporting from Somerset County, Pa. -- i.e. coal country -- <u>The Post's Ana Swanson talks</u> president <u>has not</u>: That much of the decline in coal is due to economic and not just regulatory

The towns scattered through the coal-rich Appalachian Mountains of southern Pennsylvania Trump's lips last week as he announced the United States' withdrawal from the Paris climate brand-new mine" — the Acosta Deep Mine, about 70 miles southeast of Pittsburgh — as a s

But while the locals heartily embrace the 70 or more new jobs the mine will bring, some, like and his son, don't share the president's view of the industry's renaissance.

"Coal country is a great place to be from," Popernack said as he sat behind his applesauce a repeated the line, emphasis on "from," cracking a smile around broken teeth. "Do you get it?

Here are some more local headlines:

· HI: Hawaii became the first state to pass laws enforcing portions of the Paris climat

- KS: <u>Utility Kansas City Power & Light (KCPL) has announced it will close six colors.</u>
 NJ: The state's two biggest coal-fired power plants retired
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Today:

- **President Trump** will be in Cincinnati, Ohio **today** to promote his infrastructure plan. He's Lunken Airport at 1 p.m. Eastern.
- · The United Nations' first ocean conference will continue in New York. The conference three
- The House Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing on the farm bill and the "Future of Index Development."
- · A House Natural Resources subcommittee will hold a hearing on the abandoned mine lar
- · Devon Energy's annual meeting for shareholders will start this morning, with an anticipate

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- A House Natural Resource subcommittee will have a <u>legislative hearing</u> on land reclamate morning.
- The Hudson Institute is hosting an event on Thursday starting at 11:30 a.m. on "the impo
- EPA head Scott Pruitt will testify before the House Appropriations Interior-EPA subcommit
- Later this month, the U.S. Energy Information Administration will host its 2017 Energy C
- Secretary Ryan Zinke has until June 10 to make a recommendation about the future of to Utah.
- The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee postponed its hearing on the non David Wright to be members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the nominal administrator of the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance for the EPA. The hearing

Watch explosives demolish the Orville Dam's spillway, which caused massive flooding in Califo Slow motion: Explosives demolish the Oroville Dam

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